THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) to (d) Planning Commission in its mid term appraisal of the 9th Five Year Plan has made some recommendations on PDS. The recommendations, *inter alia*, state that the coverage of TPDS and food subsidy should be restricted to the population below poverty line, items other than rice and wheat need to be excluded from TPDS, sugar supply through PDS draws well-to-do families to the system and ration cards have tended to be used as identity cards to establish people's identity which should be discouraged.

The introduction of TPDS in June 1997 with its focus on the poor was a step in this direction. From 1.4.2000 the subsidy on foodgrains for APL families was eliminated while availability of foodgrains was ensured for them. However, in view of excess stocks in Central Pool, a discount of 30% of the economic cost has been given for APL families w.e.f. 12.7.2001. With effect from 1.4.2000 the BPL quota of foodgrains was doubled from 10Kg. to 20 Kg. per family per month at 50% of economic cost. Though after this increase in the prices of the BPL foodgrains the offtake of wheat and rice has not increased in proportion to doubling of the allocations, there has been an overall increase in the offtake.

With regard to levy sugar, the allocation under PDS has been restricted to only BPL families except in case of NE Region, island territories and hill States w.e.f. 1.2.2001. State Governments/UT Administrations have been advised to discourage the use of ration cards as documents of identity and to allow its use only for drawing PDS items.

Lifting of foodgrains by the State Governments

2607. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Governments have lifted insufficient foodgrains from the godowns;

(b) if so, the allotment of foodgrains and the quantity thereof lifted by them during the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to non offtake of foodgrains, there are starvation like conditions in the States, if so, State-wise details thereof; and

(d) whether Government have issued necessary advice to the State Governments to offtake full quantity of the foodgrains to meet requirements of the public, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) The lifting of foodgrains and its distribution under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) depends on several factors such as parity between the issue prices of foodgrains

under TPDS and the open market prices, availability of foodgrains in the open market, purchasing power of the consumers especially those belonging to the below poverty line (BPL) category and eating habits, etc. The State-wise details of the quantities of foodgrains (rice and wheat) allotted under TPDS to States/UTs and the quantities lifted by them during current year 2001-2002 (April—June, 2001) are given Statement I and II. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) Under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) the Central Issue Prices of foodgrains meant for distribution to the families living below poverty line have been kept at levels which are lower than the market prices to ensure higher offtake. The offtake for BPL families has been about 80% of the allotment during 1999-2000. The offtake of foodgrains under BPL category has been about 66.3% of the allotment during 2000-2001. The allotment for BPL families was increased from 10 kg. to 20 kg. off foodgrains per family per month at 50% of economic cost from 1.4.2000. Although the increase in offtake during 2000-2001 has not been proportionate to the 'doubling' of allocation made during the year, there has been an overall increase in offtake under this category during 2000-2001 as compared to 1999-2000. So, it is not correct to say that there has been no offtake of foodgrains resulting in starvation like conditions in the States. Besides, PDS is supplemental in nature and does not meet the full requirement of a family belonging to any section of the population.

Statement-I

Statewise details of quantities of rice allotted to the States/UTs under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and lifting thereof during current year (April, 2001 to June 2001)

(Rice—2001-2002)

(in '000 Tonnes)

S.N.	States/UTs	Allotment				Offtake			
		BPL	APL	Antyo-daya	Total	BPL	APL	Antyo-daya	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	206.400	461.760	46.710	714.870	190.275	275.031	57.493	522.799
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	5.388	17.580	0.000	22.968	6.430	1.412	0.000	7.842
3.	Assam	114.360	77.820	0.000	192.180	85.206	0.227	0.000	85.433
4.	Bihar	150.810	17.433	0.000	168.243	12.917	0.116	0.000	13.033
5.	Chhattisgarh	64.368	15.003	21.555	100.926	41.713	0.030	23.205	64.948
6.	Delhi	0.000	40.830	0.000	40.830	0.000	0.191	0.000	0.191
7.	Goa	1.560	10.710	0.000	12.270	0.757	0.000	0.000	0.757
8.	Gujarat	72.177	54.000	0.000	126.177	31.353	0.000	0.000	31.353
9.	Haryana	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

S.N.	States/UTs	Allotment				Offtake			
		BPL	APL	Antyo-daya	Total	BPL	APL	Antyo-daya	Total
10.	Himachal Pradesh	10.419	15.690	3.543	29.652	5.006	0.000	3.545	8.551
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	28.200	37.530	0.000	65.730	21.843	4.912	0.000	26.755
12.	Jharkhand	52.418	6.327	3.665	62.410	15.494	0.081	0.000	15.575
13.	Karnataka	150.204	111.000	0.000	261.204	146.716	87.216	0.000	233.932
14.	Kerala	78.939	343.860	17.865	440.664	94.096	1.333	10.586	106.015
15.	Madhya Pradesh	54.804	16.047	14.280	85.131	19.331	0.027	12.481	31.839
16.	Maharashtra	125.316	67.140	14.864	207.320	87.826	0.000	10.647	98.473
17.	Manipur	7.800	8.580	0.000	16.380	5.407	0.000	0.000	5.407
18.	Meghalaya	8.580	28.590	0.000	37.170	8.359	0.069	0.000	8.428
19.	Mizoram	3.465	20.430	0.789	24.684	3.465	6.934	0.789	11.188
20.	Nagaland	4.620	25.890	0.000	30.510	4.707	0.000	0.000	4.707
21.	Orissa	197.865	11.160	0.000	209.025	134.725	0.257	0.000	134.982
22.	Punjab	3.986	0.840	0.000	4.826	0.020	0.000	0.000	0.020
23.	Rajasthan	1.323	2.340	0.321	3.984	0.092	0.104	0.148	0.344
24.	Sikkim	5.107	8.910	0.000	14.017	2.607	1.400	0.000	4.007
25.	Tamil Nadu	291.768	115.320	0.000	407.088	279.265	0.000	0.000	279.265
26.	Tripura	13.860	27.360	0.000	41.220	15.085	3.000	0.000	18.085
27.	Uttaranchal	16.629	1.941	0.000	18.570	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
28.	Uttar Pradesh	172.371	31.659	0.000	204.030	48.946	0.141	0.000	49.087
29.	West Bengal	138.648	32.190	0.000	170.838	9.928	6.948	0.000	16.876
30.	A & N Islands	0.902	7.050	0.000	7.952	0.000	1797	0.000	1.797
31.	Chandigarh	0.120	0.510	0.000	0.630	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
32.	D & N Haveli	0.633	0.540	0.150	1.323	0.211	0.030	0.170	0.411
33.	Daman & Diu	0.135	0.330	0.030	0.495	0.024	0.000	0.021	0.045
34.	Lakshadweep	0.000	1.635	0.000	1.635	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
35.	Pondicherry	5.016	0.870	0.000	5.886	1.297	0.000	0.000	1.297
	Total	1988.191	1618.875	123.772	3730.838	1273.101	391.256	119.085	1783.442

Offtake figures are provisional

Note: This includes offtake figures under decentralised scheme of U.P. (upto June 2001) but excludes W. Bengal.

Statement-II

State-wise details of quantities of wheat allotted to the States/UTs under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and lifting thereof during current year (April, 2001 to June, 2001)

(Wheat—2001-2002)

(in '000 Tonnes)

S.N.	States/UTs	Allotment				Offtake			
		BPL	APL	Antyo-daya	Total	BPL	APL	Antyo-daya	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0.000	24.000	0.000	24.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.540	1.590	0.000	2.130	0.142	0.030	0.000	0.172
3.	Assam	0.000	30.900	0.000	30.900	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
4.	Bihar	226.215	26.151	0.000	252.366	29.720	0.014	0.000	29.734
5.	Chhattisgarh	18.441	10.275	0.000	28.716	7.103	0.000	0.000	7.103
6.	Delhi	24.540	103.380	0.000	127.920	18.209	0.000	0.000	18.209
7.	Goa	0.720	5.070	0.000	5.790	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
8.	Gujarat	164.048	88.500	0.000	252.548	67.978	0.000	0.000	67.978
9	Haryana	40.052	2.160	4.910	47.122	7.877	0.000	2.995	10.872
10.	Himachal Pradesh	10.419	9.600	2.361	22.380	4.181	0.000	2.356	6.537
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	8.880	22.080	0.000	30.960	8.167	8.313	0.000	16.480
12.	Jharkhand	78.627	9.489	5.498	93.614	27.911	0.000	0.000	27.911
13	Karnataka	37.551	27.750	0.000	65.302	36.788	0.233	0.000	37.021
14.	Kerala	0.000	113.160	0.000	113.160	0.000	2.101	0.000	2.101
15	Madhya Pradesh	127.239	27.675	33.150	188.064	100.180	1.337	29.886	131.403
16.	Maharashtra	232.747	124.140	27.610	384.497	139.186	0.000	20.090	159.276
17.	Manipur	0.000	5.130	0.000	5.130	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
18.	Meghalaya	0.000	3.000	0.000	3.000	0.000	0.006	0.000	0.006
19.	Mizoram	0.000	3.030	0.000	3.030	0.000	1.525	0.000	1.525
20.	Nagaland	1.140	4.620	0.000	5.760	1.140	0.000	0.000	1.140
21.	Orissa	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
22.	Punjab	21.223	4.530	3.586	29.339	3.611	0.000	0.168	3.779
23.	Rajasthan	237.096	98.040	27.624	362.760	54.815	0.327	21.176	76.318
24.	Sikkim	0.000	0.300	0.000	0.300	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
25.	Tamil Nadu	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

S.N.	States/UTs	Allotment				Offtake			
		BPL	APL	Antyo-daya	Total	BPL	APL	Antyo-daya	Total
26.	Tripura	0.000	3.840	0.000	3.840	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
27.	Uttaranchal	8.880	3.843	0.000	12.723	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
28.	Uttar Pradesh	375.120	62.667	0.000	437.787	157.049	1.677	0.000	158.726
29.	West Bengal	148.572	194.100	0.000	342.672	122.007	7.830	0.000	129.837
30.	A & N Islands	0.420	2.040	0.000	2.460	0.333	0.516	0.000	0.849
31.	Chandigarh	0.960	2.910	0.000	3.870	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
32.	D & N Haveli	0.159	0.150	0.060	0.369	0.053	0.000	0.066	0.119
33.	Daman & Diu	0.069	0.120	0.015	0.204	0.000	0.000	0.006	0.006
34.	Lakshadweep	0.000	0.126	0.000	0.126	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
35.	Pondicherry	0.000	0.060	0.000	0.060	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
	Total	1763.658	1014.426	104.814	2882.898	786.450	23.909	76.743	887.102

Offtake figures are provisionl.

Note: This excludes offtake figures under decentralised scheme of M.P. and U.P. for April, 2001.

Increase in cost of wheat and rice

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SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the economic cost of wheat and rice of the Food Corporation of India has constantly been increasing for the last three years;

(b) if so, the economic cost of wheat and rice during the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, separately; and

(c) the estimated economic cost of wheat and rice during the year 2001-02?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) to (c) The break-up of the estimated cost of FCI for wheat and rice during the years 1998-99 to 2001-2002 (BE) is as follows.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.